While Chloramine-T is the preferred source for the latent Cl+ion in accordance with this invention, Chloramine-B can also be used as a source for the latent Cl+ion. Examples of other suitable sources for the latent Cl+ion are trichloromelamine, hexachloromelamine and dichloramine-T.

In addition to effecting stain removal by spraying a substrate with a solution of Chloramine-T stain removal may be effective in accordance with this invention by applying a slurry paste of Chloramine-T to a stain.

For use in this invention aqueous solutions of Chloramine-T are preferred however, solutions which are based on other solvents may be used.

A preferred composition for removing stains from articles of clothing comprises an aqueous solution containing from about 0.5 to about 3 weight percent Chloramine-T, from about 0.05 to about 1.0 weight percent of a nonionic wetting agent and from about 0.5 to about 5 weight percent of a sodium phosphate salt.

The following examples will illustrate the stain removal in accordance with the subject invention. These examples are given for purposes of illustration and not for purposes of limiting this invention.

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